



Platypus Post



Spot by Kate B



Mr. Frisby disappears

by Cora A., Room 2

On Sunday February 12th Mr. Frisby, the mouse, disappeared. Mrs. Frisby claims he went out to meet his friend Mr. Ages also a mouse, as he does almost every day. When questioned, Ages says, "he went out to poison the cat." He sincerely hopes he did not get eaten by the cat although that is a high possibility. When Frisby did not return, Ages was forced to poison the cat himself, breaking his leg. If anyone sees a little white mouse, that answers to Frisby Please tell Mrs. Frisby.



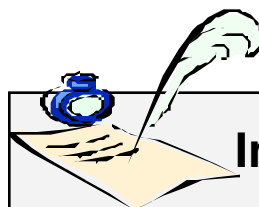
Illustration made by Cora, using Inspiration software

Feature Story:

Time Cat News

by Hayes V.

Gareth the cat has gone back in time to Egypt B.C. and has taken his owner Jason with him. We've put a camera on Jason so we can hear and see the action. Jason has just seen a ritual for the god of the sun and moon. Gareth has told us that he will be taking Jason in 9 different time periods so I think we'll be in for a real treat. Jason has just been apprehended and Gareth I think, is trying to save him. Jason has been let free by the chief. Jason's life has been saved by the marking on his cat's chest. What!!! The chief has offered as much gold as Jason would want for Gareth. One other person has offered another idea: "Take the cat and let the boy take care of the alligators." Jason objects! The chief said: "At least let the king gaze upon it. O.K."



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**Book Reviews:**

The Wainscott Weasel

by: Zeb R.

If you're looking for a good animal book try The Wainscott Weasel. This book is a great book for both expert and beginning reader. This book takes place in the Wainscott Woods. The book is about three weasels; Bagley Brown Jr., Zeke Whitebelly, and Wendey Blackish. It's also an adventure about how Bagley saved a pond that has two of his best friends in it. He saves the pond and his friends (surprise surprise). If you like adventures like me you should read this book.

The Cricket in Times Square critic by ShomaY.

This book is about a cricket named Chester who was accidentally brought to New York from Connecticut when he was stuck under a sandwich in a picnic basket. luckily he found very good friends who are Harry The Cat and Tuck The mouse. He also was rescued by a little boy named Mario who is also his owner and friend. Mario finds Chester in Times square subway station which this book takes place in. Mario is very nice boy and cares about Chester and he and his parent is working and his mother is very mean to Chester. Chester is nervous to be here but he is beginning to like the life in New York. Together they somehow bring success to the new stand.

It's such an engaging nonsense that makes this book delightful for the whole family. Most appealing whimsy and with beautiful illustrations. It's a fun intruding book.

You should read it!

POLLY AND FRIENDS By Cascady T



Feature:**The Mysterious Dragon Took Flight***by Kieran C.F., Room 4*

A mysterious dragon took flight on Tuesday evening. He had a cat with him. They were flying very high for a starting flight. Some people said he was looking for the Himalayas but they were not sure. But it is very rare for a dragon to have a cat with him it looked as if there was another figure on him. We have a person here in questioning right now. He was the one who saw it happen. There could be one other who saw it happen but we aren't sure. It is a three year old kid and she isn't speaking. She said something. But in gobbledegook and we can't understand her? If you see a very large blue dragon or scorch marks be sure to report.



Have you ever wondered what your horoscope is? Whether you are an Aries, Capricorn, or even a Gemini well now all your problems are solved. Here comes the greatest horoscope column ever written. Now you can figure out what your sign is, what your personality is and compare them with all your friends.

Capricorn-You are the goat. Your element is earth. Your planetary ruler is Saturn. You have a building, using, organization, achieving, ordering type of personality. December 22nd- January 20th

Taurus-You are the ox. Your element is earth. Your planetary ruler is Venus. Your personality is producing, possessing, enjoying, having, maintaining. Taurus- April 21st- May 21st

Gemini-You are the twin. Your element is air. Your planetary ruler is Mercury. You have a thinking, communicating, learning, amusing, trading type of personality. May 22nd- June 21st

Cancer-You are the crab. Your element is water, your planetary ruler is the Moon. You are protecting, feeling, dreaming, securing, responding type of personality. June 22nd- July 23rd

Leo- You are the lion. Your element is fire. Your planetary ruler is the Sun. You are ruling, respecting, teaching, playing, giving type of person. July 23rd-August 22nd.

Virgo- You are the Virgin. Your element is Earth. Your planetary ruler is Mercury. You are

improving, working, serving, cleaning, studying type of person. August 24th - September 23rd

Libra- You are the scale. Your element is Air. Your planetary ruler is Venus. You are pleasing, socializing, balancing, relating type of person. September 24th- October 23rd.

Scorpio- You are the Scorpion. Your element is Water. Your planetary rulers are Mars and Pluto. You are concealing, controlling, influencing, transforming, dealing, type of person. October 24th- November 22nd

Sagittarius- You are the Archer. Your element is Fire. Your planetary ruler is Jupiter. You have a seeking, exploring, traveling, understanding, believing type of personality. November 23rd- December 21st

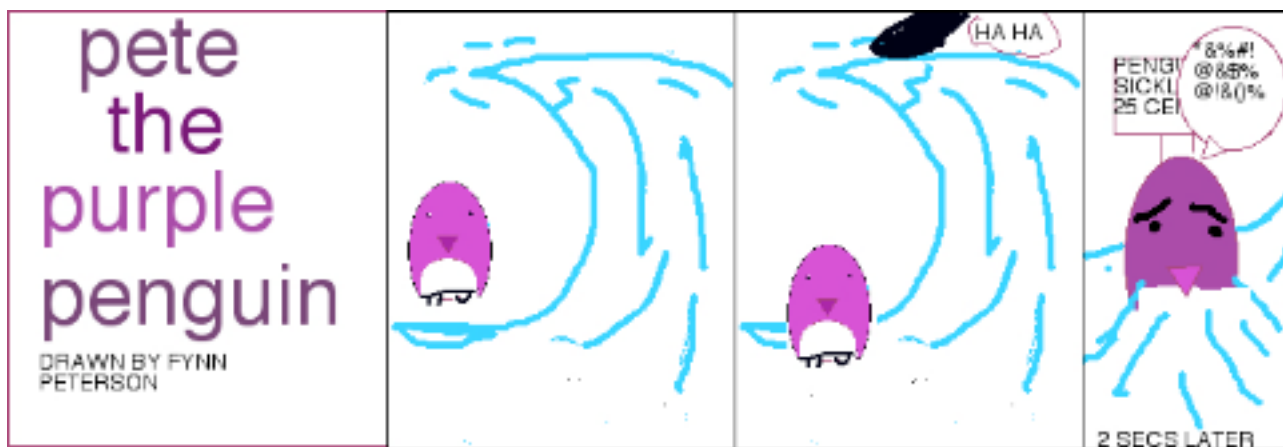
Aries- You are the Ram. Your element is Fire. Your Planetary ruler is Mars. You are independent pioneering, fighting, acting, leading type of person. March 21st - April 20th

Aquarius-You are the water carrier. Your element is Air. Your planetary rulers are Saturn and Uranus. You are liberating, knowing, reforming, innovating, researching type of person. January 21st- February 19th

Pisces- You are the two fish. Your element is water. Your planetary rulers are Jupiter and Neptune. You are accepting, inspiring, loving, fantasizing, and visualizing type of personality. February 20th- March 20th



COMICS



Jarry the Dog

by Adrian M.



this strip was originally based on the the comic "pickles"



Crossword Puzzle

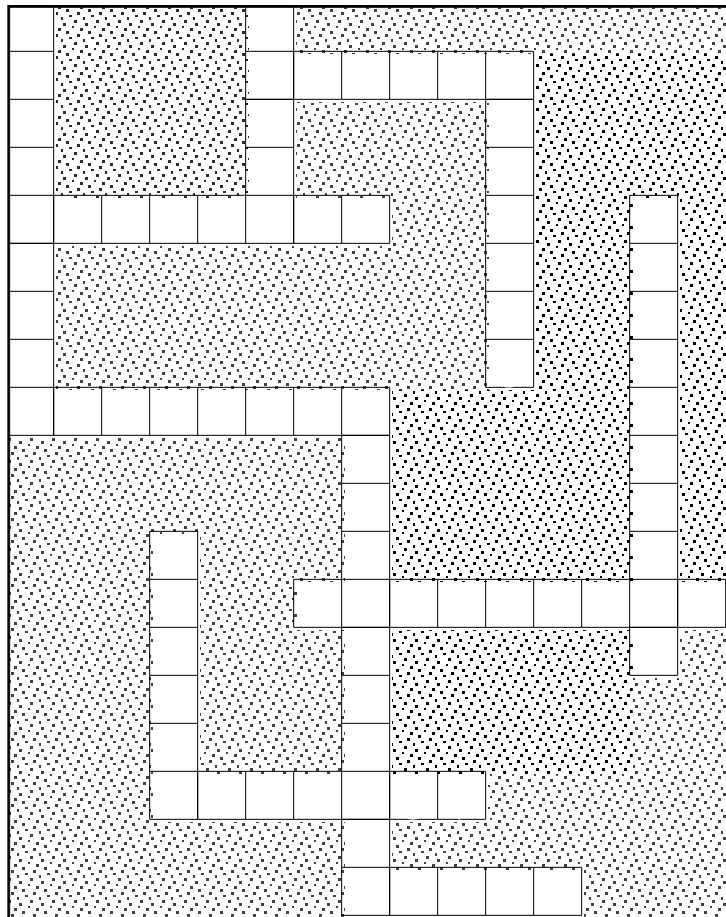
by Kate C, Brian E,
Sallie J Grade _5_

Down

- #1 An animal without a backbone that has a hard outer skeleton and three or more legs that can bend.
#2 A flock of geese.
#3 The animal life in a particular area.
#4 Eating or living on meat.
#5 A small animal like a mouse with a short tail.
#6 A large primitive fish with broad fins.

Across

- #1 A living organism characterized by voluntary movement.
#2 An animal that chews its cud.
#3 Of or having to do with the home or family.
#4 To spend the winter sleeping or dormant.
#5 The study of the relationships between living things and their surroundings.
#6 A large European ermine.



Dear Dr. Donkey

by Emily W. and Quinn S. Room 10

Dear Delightful Donkey,
For the past 3 months my daughter has been going out with this Beetle. She is an ant!!!!
How can this work out? My church is going to exile me and my family. Please help me Dr. Donkey.
-Depressed Mother Ant-

Dear Depressed,
It is your daughter's choice who she wants to date. If it is really bothering you, you should talk to her and tell her that it is not working out for the family. If she doesn't listen then order her to move out if he is more important than the rest of the family.

Dear Delightful Donkey,
I am a cat and I am friends with a mouse, his name is Tucker. Tucker has just made a new friend that moved from Connecticut. This new friend is a cricket and he doesn't like me. He

always gives me dirty looks. I feel like I am going to be deserted by my friend. I really want my friend back. Do you have any advice?

-Deserted Friend-

Dear Deserted,
It is OK for someone to have more than one friend. It seems like to me that you are a tad bit jealous of Tucker's new friend. I think that you should make friends with the cricket and then it may be just fine. Also talk to your friend he will probobaly tell you what he likes so you could possibly be friends. But don't forget your other friends.

Dear Demon Donkey,
Waaaaaaa! I lost my son to New York! I think he's forgotten me! His name is Chester, and we're from Conneticut. We're not cut for this big-city life. Every night I would kiss his head and give him a warm

glass of milk until one night he got hit in the lip and it got swollen to the point that he couldn't drink his milk. I felt so sad for him because he was never the same after that night. Last night he went out for a picnic with some strangers, and he didn't come back to our stump! I looked out the window and called him in for dinner,"chirp, chirp, chirp" and he didn't come! I thought about calling 911, but then I remembered, I am a cricket, we don't have a 911#! Do you know if he's alright?
-Mom-

Dear Mom,
I do have advice for you. Get a life! Who raises bad seeds anymore? You are a disgrace to insects everywhere, and parents. Did you ever once think of Chester's sake? You need counseling. Call the wambulance! GET OVER IT!

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Letters in the Editor's mailbox:

from a Mr. Crocky Dyle:

I would like to thank Pam the Platypus for accepting a bribe to give bad advice to Mr. Zebra. While he was on the phone with a reptile wrangler, we burned his house

from a Mr. Zebra:

Dear Anybody Reading This: I HATE PAM THE PLATYPUS!! She gave me advice about disposing of some crocs who live next to me, but when I tried to follow it, the crocs burnt my house down. PLEASE, HELP ME GET RID OF HER **FOR GOOOOOOD!!**

(Note from the editor: No content in any of these letters is guaranteed to be true. If you have questions seeking to establish the validity of these statements, please address them to the writer, not the editor.)

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Dear Demon Donkey,

Yesterday I helped a little clicket with a little boy. They walked into my shop and asked for a cage. I blought out a pagoda shaped habitat for the little clicket. The boy was so enthusiastic about it! I'm usually pessimistic, but I didn't have the heart to tell him well all going to die! That kind of slipped out telling you.

-Anonymus

Dear Anonymous,

I don't have much advice for you, BUT WHY ARE YOU RUNNING A STORE THAT HOLDS PAGODA SHAPED CRICKET CAGES? That's not the good way to make money! And why were you thinking, "We're all Gonna Die!"? That's something a psycho would say! Oh, excuse me, you are a psycho! GET A LIFE!

Ask Pam the Platypus*

Welcome to my advice column. Here, I will answer silly letters from silly people. For example, here is one from a croc whose river is blocked:

Dear Pam,

With my river blocked, I can not get food without going on land to a grocery store that's 100,000 miles away. What should I do? --Sincerely, Nile the Crocodile

--Nile, I think you and all the other crocs should start a petition against the dam, and if all goes well you will have your river back to normal.

Dear Pam,

My dentist says that I need both of my teeth removed, but if I have my teeth removed, then I will be the laughingstock of all the other walruses, and also have a terrible isthp defect on my voice. What should I do?

--Sincerely Wally the Walrus.

--Wally, I think that you should tell your dentist you don't want both your teeth pulled out. Why didn't you think of that, you tooth-headed piniped?

Dear Pam,

My dog Odie is going to obedience school, but he feels he is getting to much homework. What should I do?

--Sincerely, Jon Arbuckle--ARRG! ODIE! GET OFF OF ME!

--Well, quit obedience school! Duh!

AND NOW, A LETTER FROM A FAMOUS COMIC STRIP CHARACTER...WE PRESENT...

ZEBRA, FROM PEARLS BEFORE SWINE!

Dear Pam the Platypus,

If I go outside, the crocs next door will eat me. I don't know what to do!! PLEASE HELP ME!!

--Sincerely, Zebra

Pearls Before Swine

-- Zebra,

Obviously, you should call in some crocodile hunters. If you can't find any, you can probably find a reptile wrangler in the yellow pages.

*A.K.A Michael+Alex.

Dear Demon Donkey,

I am a mouse. People step on me all the time, and now I finally snapped. Just kidding. I'm cool as a freezer on botox. "I'm an electric banana"!(as Donovan Leitch once said in "Mellow Yellow") I don't have a problem, except for that momma's boy cricket! I know it sounds gossipy, but I really want him out! He's taken all my friends and he took my liver... worst. I want him gone.

-Tucker Mouse-

Dear Runt,

You're weird, don't write to me again. You definitely need therapy. Get a Life! You're blaming the sweetheart Chester for your insanity! I could step on you! RUNT! GET A LIFE!

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